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FOR AMBASSADOR ASCENCIO/JIM WARD FROM DAS LANE

1. UPON ARRIVAL MEXICO FRIDAY, JULY 10, I WAS TOLD THAT ACCORDING TO LOCAL SOURCES, SALVADORANS DALTON AND MORALES CARBOHELL DEPARTED MEXICO ON OR ABOUT THURSDAY EVENING JULY 9, FOR "SOME OTHER COUNTRIES" AND LEFT NO WORD AS TO WHEN THEY MIGHT RETURN TO MEXICO.

2. CONSUL GENERAL LARRY LANE AND HIS STAFF HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT DALTON AND MORALES PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL BUT NEVER WERE ABLE TO GET A FIX ON THEIR LOCAL ADDRESS. THE ADDRESSES THAT WE HAVE FOR THEM ARE RESPECTIVELY (1) THE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR AND (2) A LOCAL CHURCH. OUR POINT OF CONTACT HAS BEEN WITH A MARIANELA VILLAS AT THE COMMITTEE.

3. WE TRIED, WITHOUT SUCCESS, ALL DAY SATURDAY, TO SPEAK WITH SOME OF THE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT THE DALTON/MORALES PRESS CONFERENCE OF LAST WEEK. ON SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 10, I SPOKE WITH THE HEAD OF THE EMBASSY PRESS SECTION, LARRY IKELS, WHO FURNISHED ME WITH THE NAME OF BRUNO LOPEZ KUPITSKI, LOCAL UPI REPRESENTATIVE, WHO FILED THE REPORT OF THE DALTON/MORALES PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH SULLIVAN WAS MENTIONED.

4. ON MONDAY, JULY 12, I WAS ABLE TO CONTACT LOPEZ KUPITSKI BY PHONE. HE WAS QUITE CONGENIAL AND OFFERED TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE. HE TOLD ME, INTER ALIA, THAT DALTON HAD TOLD HIM THAT THE INFORMATION THEY HAD REGARDING SULLIVAN DATED FROM DECEMBER OF 1981 AND HAD BEEN RELATED TO DALTON BY A FELLOW PRISONER, WHO HAD HEARD IT FROM OTHER PRISONERS. WHEN LOPEZ KUPITSKI ASKED FOR MORE PRECISE INFORMATION REGARDING SULLIVAN, DALTON WAS VERY VAGUE AND UNABLE TO ADD ANYTHING TO WHAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY SAID ABOUT THE SUBJECT. I ASKED LOPEZ KUPITSKI IF HE WOULD PLEASE HELP US CONTACT DALTON AND MORALES AS IT WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND ESPECIALLY TO THE SULLIVAN FAMILY TO FOLLOW UP ON ANY INFORMATION THAT THEY MIGHT POSSESS REGARDING SULLIVAN'S WHEREABOUTS. LOPEZ KUPITSKI PROMISED TO TOUCH BASE WITH HIS CONTACTS IN THE MEDIA AND GET WORD TO THE SALVADORANS IF HUMANLY POSSIBLE.

5. ON MONDAY MORNING AT APPROXIMATELY 11 AM, MORALES CALLED THE VISA SECTION, AND TOLD ONE OF THE FSNS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A MESSAGE VIA THE COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN EL SALVADOR, THAT SOMEONE IN THE EMBASSY WISHED TO SPEAK WITH HIM OR DALTON. HE THEN TOLD THE FSN THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SPEAKING WITH ANYONE FROM THE EMBASSY UNLESS THEY COULD BE GUARANTEED THAT THEY WOULD BE GIVEN VISAS TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES BEFORE MEETING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

6. BILL MOODY, THE OFFICER IN THE VISA SECTION WHO HAD INTERVIEWED MORALES AND DALTON WAS CHOSEN BY LARRY LANE AND MYSELF AS THE OFFICER TO CARRY OUT THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM. AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30, MOODY HIMSELF RECEIVED A CALL FROM MORALES. MOODY TOLD MORALES THAT HE WISHED TO DISCUSS HIS VISA CASE WITH HIM AND THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE FULLY WITH HIM THE POSSIBILITIES OF THEIR RECEIVING A VISA. MORALES INFORMED MOODY THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING ANYTHING WITH OFFICIALS OF THE U. S. EMBASSY UNLESS THEY COULD BE GUARANTEED BEFOREHAND THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE VISAS. MOODY EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT IN ORDER TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY MIGHT RECEIVE VISAS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO TALK TO THEM AND IN PARTICULAR TO DISCUSS CERTAIN INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY. MORALES REPEATED HIS PREVIOUS CONDITION FOR ENGAGING IN DIALOGUE WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS. MOODY THEN SPOKE WITH DALTON FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES ATTEMPTING TO CONVINCE HIM THAT IT WAS IN THEIR INTEREST TO TALK TO HIM AND THAT THE DISCUSSION COULD BE QUITE BROAD. AGAIN, DALTON WAS ADAMANT ABOUT DISCUSSING ANYTHING WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS UNLESS A PROMISE WAS MADE THAT A VISA WOULD BE ISSUED TO HIMSELF AND TO MORALES PRIOR

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M. MOODY AGAIN
EXPLAINED THE DIFFICULTY IN MAKING ANY SUCH GUARANTEE AND EXHORTED THEM TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN THEIR POSTURE SO THAT WE MIGHT ARRIVE AT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THIS SITUATION. DALTON FINALLY INFORMED MOODY THAT HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN PURSUING

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THE CONVERSATION FURTHER; THAT HE WOULD CALL BACK
TOMORROW (JULY 13) AT 2:30 PM "TO FIND OUT WHETHER
OR NOT THE VISAS WOULD BE ISSUED".

7. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MORALES AND DALTON HAVE
DECIDED THAT THEY HAVE NOTHING TO GAIN BY AMPLIFYING
THEIR REMARKS REGARDING SULLIVAN AT THE PRESS
CONFERENCE UNLESS WE ARE PREPARED TO GIVE THEM WHAT
THEY WANT; I. E., VISAS. BY THE SAME REASONING,
THERE IS NO REASON TO ASSUME THAT, UNTIL AND UNLESS
THEY GAIN ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES, THEY WILL BE
ANY MORE FORTHCOMING WITH THE SULLIVAN FAMILY. FROM
ALL APPEARANCES, THEY HAVE NO SOLID INFORMATION
REGARDING SULLIVAN'S WELFARE OR WHEREABOUTS BUT HAVE
DISCERNED THE HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT
IN THE UNITED STATES.

8. I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP IF THE DEPARTMENT
WOULD EXPAND THE PARAMETERS OF MY ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO INCLUDE GIVING ME AUTHORITY TO NOT ONLY TALK TO
DALTON AND MORALES, BUT ALSO TO DISCUSS WITH THEM
WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE OF GREATER UTILITY TO EACH
OTHER.

9. I AM CHANGING MY TRAVEL PLANS SO THAT I CAN REMAIN
IN MEXICO CITY THROUGH MID DAY THURSDAY, JULY 15,
ON THE CHANCE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO GET SOME MOVEMENT
ON THIS. GAVIN

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